

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Jan. 12, 1949

January 12, 1949

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Mrs. Grace G. Morse, Secretary of the Women's Historical Club, commending the Board for their action relative to the Barnes property.

Placed on file.

Communications were received from Mrs. Lillian E. Johns, Mrs. Joseph Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Orla Bailey, thanking the Board for plants sent to them.

Leo W. Barnum offered to sell to the city a house and lot located at 3326 W. Michigan Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Breithaupt asked to have their names removed from the petition relative to use of small park in the 1500 block of Genesee Drive for playground.

Placed on file.

The family of Viola H. McSorley asked permission to remove her body from Grave 4, Lot 325, Section C to Grave 3, Lot 63, Section S of Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Referred to Committee on Cemeteries.

A letter was received from AmVets Post No. 32 offering to give assistance at the proposed Recreation Center when established.

January 7, 1949.

Mr. H. Lee Bancroft
Sup't of Parks and Cemeteries
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Bancroft:

Please be advised that the City Planning Commission has discussed your proposal to purchase the vacant property in the east side flood area, and at the appropriate time will recommend the extension of the Foster Ave. Playground to include the properties on both sides of Foster Ave. to Elizabeth St., and all properties south of Elizabeth St. to the C. & O. railroad right of way from the east city limits west, up to and including the properties on the west side of Magnolia Avenue.

Very truly yours,

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Director of City Planning.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Cemetery Committee wish to recommend that the request of George C. McSorley to move the remains of his wife from Evergreen Cemetery to the family lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery be granted.

Signed:

WM. T. GATES,
S. DEWITT RATHBUN,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
WM. KLOCK,
Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Gates—

That the recommendation of the committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the question of paying special sewer tax on Waverly Golf Course acreage, reports that the assessment was checked with the City Engineer and County Drain Commissioner and found properly spread and assessed, and the Superintendent authorized to make payment of \$3,545.10.

Signed:

S. DeWITT RATHBUN,
K. E. HEWES,
C. G. CALLARD,
O. H. BAILEY, JR.,
Finance Committee.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Park Committee reports that the lot of W. C. Behen on the southwest corner of Howe and Shiawassee Streets is not considered suitable for park purposes and that no action be taken.

Signed:

K. E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
C. G. CALLARD,
WM. KLOCK,
Park Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Park Committee, to whom was referred the offer of Harry G. Myers to purchase a city lot on Leslie Street, recommend that the offer be rejected.

Signed:

K. E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
C. G. CALLARD,
WM. KLOCK,
Park Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Park Committee has made a study of flood lands inside the City limits in the area from Michigan Avenue south to the Pere Marquette tracks and from the east city limits to Fairview, and would ask for further time to study the situation in this area.

Signed:

K. E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
C. G. CALLARD,
WM. KLOCK,
Park Committee.

The request of the Committee was granted.

The Park Committee reports that the bid of Crisman Heating and Air Conditioning Co. was accepted as the best and lowest bid for installation of LB-20 G. E. Oil Furnace and 250 gal. tank at Comstock Park, and the work has been completed. (\$996.00).

Signed:

K. E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
C. G. CALLARD,
WM. KLOCK,
Park Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Com. Bailey of the Public Relations Committee reported on the large amount of favorable publicity given to the department by the newspapers.

Coms. Klock, Bailey and Gates, Committee on Forestry, gave a detailed report on the damage to street trees caused by the sleet storm on December 15, 1948. 666 trees were damaged or destroyed and the Forestry Department had numerous crews working overtime for over a week to repair the damage on emergency work only. The cost of clearing away and repairing trees has already cost \$4200.00 and there will probably be a further expense of \$1,000.00.

The report was received and placed on file.

Herbert Kipke, Recreation Director, filed a report on recreation activities for the month of December, 1948, for Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, Basketball leagues, adult craft classes, Christmas parties, New Year's Teen Age Dance and other events.

Received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

"Series G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.....\$2,500.00

"Series G" United States Bonds
for Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.....\$ 500.00

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That Harold Leavitt be authorized to attend the meeting of Cemetery Superintendents at Grand Rapids.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Feb. 9, 1949

February 9, 1949.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Comm. E. D. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun.—8.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as read.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council asking that the budget requirements of the departments be filed by March 1, 1949.

Referred to the Ways and Means Committee of the Board.

A card was received from Harry Wooton, former Board member, thanking the members for flowers sent during his recent illness.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from the Edward G. Hacker Company asking that the insurance bond covering sewer work at the entrance to Westchester Subdivision on Moores River Drive be released.

By Comm. Callard—

That the bond be released upon concurrence of the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Parks.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Recreation filed the following report:

Recreation Activities Report for January

January has been a great disappointment for the many people desiring to ice skate, sliding, etc. Due to the spring-like weather it was impossible to maintain the facilities. There were 7 days of skating using 7 parks with an estimated attendance of 21,000. To the present time in February there has been an additional 7 days of skating for a total to date of 14 days with an estimated 42,750 skaters.

The regular activities such as crafts, weaving, boys' clubs, girls' clubs, teen age clubs, basketball, etc., have been going along with the months total attendance and participation of 9375.

Plans are now being made for the Youth Talent Exhibit in cooperation with the State Journal to be held from May 10 thru May 15. Also plans for Baseball and Softball with the season to start May 16 or 23, playground program scheduled to start June 27.

It is hoped to have a grand Civic celebration at Pattengill Field on July 4th.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Carl G. Fenner, Assistant City Forester, filed a detailed report on City trees. Also on damage done by a recent ice storm and other activities in connection with tree work.

Received and placed on file.

H. Lee Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on activities of the departments. He also outlined in detail proposed improvements and extensions in parks.

The Board considered various subjects at length.

RESOLUTIONS

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds for
Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual
Care Fund _____ \$2,000.00

Carried.

By Comm. Hewes—

Whereas, Elizabeth Gier Coleman has underwritten and made possible the purchase of park property in the northern section of the City of Lansing and has thereby desired to provide a memorial in honor of her father, Burton S. Gier, for the pleasure, recreation and enjoyment of the public; and

Whereas, Burton S. Gier was a respected and capable leader in the industrial and business life of the City from 1905 until his death in 1928, during which time he fostered and developed important manufacturing enterprises and served as an officer thereof; and

Whereas, Mr. Gier, through the establishment of Gier Pressed Steel Plant, now a unit of Motor Wheel Corporation, made a significant and enduring contribution to the prosperity of the City and, in particular, to the North Lansing section thereof; and

Whereas, Mr. Gier, during his long residence in the City, took an active part in the life of the community through his church, lodge and club activities and his

leadership in the Michigan Children's Aid Society, the Social Service Bureau and many other civic organizations; and

Whereas, the family of Burton S. Gier, by this donation to the City of Lansing, has made the community permanently indebted to it for this new and generous addition to its existing recreational facilities, the benefit of which will inure not only to the present generation but to generations to come:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners of said City of Lansing, in appreciation of the gift of Mrs. Coleman and in honored memory of her father, Burton S. Gier, for his many and important contributions to the civic and business life of the City of Lansing, does hereby designate and name as "Gier Park" the area set aside for park and recreation purposes, lying west of North Larch Street, north of Gier Street and south of the north city limits of the City of Lansing, the correct legal description of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and that said area be so known, named and described on the maps and records of the City of Lansing;

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be mailed to Elizabeth Gier Coleman and the immediate living members of the family of Burton S. Gier, deceased.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 9, 1949

The Board met in regular session at the home of Comm. McKim and was called to order by the President, Comm. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Comms. Bailey, Callard, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun—7.
Absent—Comm. Gates—1.

Mayor Crego was present for the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 1949, were corrected, page 93, the word "Finance" was substituted for "Ways and Means."

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Theodore Wirth and family sent a card of appreciation which was received and placed on file.

Stanley Martin offered to sell the Cemetery and Park Board Lot 93 of Brown's Sub. of Part of Lots A & B of Snyder's Sub. (west side of Mifflin Street, the third lot south of Harton Street).

Referred to the Park Committee with power to act.

The Board of Water and Electric Light Commissioners sent copy of a Resolution adopted by the Leland Metropolitan District at its regular meeting held on February 15, 1949 and a copy of their reply to Mr. Dale Granger, Engineer of that District, relative to furnishing water service to customers.

Referred to the Recreation Committee with power to act.

Agreeable to a Resolution of the Cemetery and Park Board on February 9, 1949, Mr. Manz, City Engineer and Lee Bancroft, Superintendent, inspected the drain or

storm sewer crossing on Moores River Drive at the entrance to Westchester Subdivision and are in agreement that the work is satisfactory and that the Bond given the City for the protection of the City and the public in their use of the drive has served its purpose, and agree that the Bond be cancelled and have advised Mr. Hacker of the Westchester Subdivision to that effect.

H. LEE BANCROFT,
Superintendent of Parks.

GLENN P. MANZ,
City Engineer.

February 18, 1949.

Received and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Bailey of the Public Relations Committee reported on the favorable publicity given to the department by the newspapers.

Comm. Klock of the Forestry Committee read a report written by Carl G. Fenner, Assistant City Forester, on the meeting of the Midwestern Shade Tree Conference in Chicago which he attended on February 17 and 18, 1949.

Received and placed on file.

The Committee on Cemeteries submitted proposed arrangements being made with the Jewish congregation in the City of Lansing for a section in Evergreen Cemetery which were approved.

The Finance Committee recommends the following budget for the 1949-50 year.

S. DEWITT RATHBUN,
K. E. HEWES,
C. G. CALLARD,
Finance Committee.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the budget be accepted as submitted and referred to the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Cemetery and Park Board advertise for bids for the rental of the concession building at Potter Park for the season of 1949. Bids to be received up to 4:30 p.m. on April 18, 1949.

Carried.

By Comm. Callard—

That Herbert Kipke, Lenna Belle Lucas and Pearl Ryerse be authorized to attend a conference at Battle Creek on April 5, 6 and 7, 1949.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Cemetery and Park Commissioners express their sympathy to Commissioner Gates and his family in the death of Mr. Gates's mother, Mrs. Florence Gates, of Vicksburg, Michigan.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual
Care Fund\$1,500.00

Carried.

By Comm. McKim—

That the request of Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Hopper for the removal of the remains of infant Marion Hopper from Mt. Hope Cemetery to lot they have purchased in Evergreen Cemetery be granted.

Carried.

Following the meeting a luncheon was served by the host, Comm. McKim.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Board express their appreciation to Comm. McKim for a very pleasant evening.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 14, 1949

April 14, 1949

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Comm. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Comms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim—7.
Absent—Comm. Rathbun—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Comm. Dewitt Rathbun expressed his appreciation for flowers and sympathy on the occasion of the death of his brother.

Placed on file.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Gates and members of the family expressed appreciation for flowers and sympathy on the occasion of the death of their mother.

Placed on file.

Jack J. Russell offered to sell to the Board a parcel of land at Mt. Hope Ave. and Detroit Street.

Referred to the Committee on Cemetery.

Leonard English offered to purchase Lot 293 and 16 feet of Lot 294, Capital Heights Addition.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

The Board discussed the subject of the triangular park area between pavements of North and South Genesee Drives west of Jenison.

The Young People of the South Street Church asked permission to hold an Easter Sunrise Service at Evergreen Cemetery.

By Comm. Klock—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

Lansing Hot Heads requested the Board to consider furnishing them a field for their use in flying control-line model airplanes.

Placed on file.

J. McKinley Lee asked permission to move the body of his infant son from Grave E/E6, Lot 202, Section 2, Mt. Hope Cemetery to Grave _____, Lot 369, Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Marion Whitmyer asked permission to move William Foster Whitmyer, her son, from E/E Grave 4, Lot 70, Section F, to Grave 3, Lot 69, Section D.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported on various subjects relative to improvements, construction work, etc. Also that the Lansing Boat Club had paid \$25.00 to continue their lease from January 1, 1949 to Jan. 1, 1950.

Foster Schermerhorn, Inc., filed a report of the inspection of Potter Park recreation buildings and an estimate of the cost of making necessary repairs and improvements of \$4,180.00.

Mr. Bancroft reported that he had advertised on March 31, April 2 and 3, 1949, for sealed bids for the Potter Park concession stand and had received eight bids.

**A Report of the Forestry Committee
Collection for damage to trees.**

During nearly every month of the year a few street trees are damaged by automobiles, trucks, children and occasionally by horses, dogs, etc. It is the established policy of the department to collect costs involved in repairing the injured or destroyed trees. In the majority of cases this collection is handled without too much trouble because most people or their insurance companies are willing to pay fair charges to cover this recognizable legal responsibility. However, in a few cases (about six per year) difficulty is encountered. We attempt to avoid this difficulty by having a thorough understanding with the party involved **before** a bill is rendered.

Attached to this report are the histories of two cases we have been unable to collect by ordinary means. Both parties admitted responsibility and the Police Department has records of the car accidents in which the trees were damaged. Both car owners have been given plenty of time, over a year, to pay and both have accepted registered mail letters in December, 1948. The Committee therefore, recommends that the matter be referred to the City Attorney and that action be started immediately against both parties.

WILLIAM KLOCK, Chairman
WILLIAM T. GATES,
ORLA BAILEY,
Committee on Forestry.

Resolution: By Comm. Klock—

That the report of the Committee be adopted and information on both cases be turned over to the City Attorney for his use.

Carried.

By Comm. Gates—

That the request of Mrs. Marion Whitmyer for removal of William Foster Whitmyer to the family lot and of J. McKinley Lee for removal of Wm. Lee to lot he has recently purchased in Evergreen Cemetery be granted.

Carried.

By Comm. Hewes—

Inasmuch as reservations have now been made for the use of Grand Woods Camp by the Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups and by the summer playground children,

Therefore, the Board now authorizes the Superintendent to accept requests for reservations as of April 20th, 1949 for other groups and organizations.

Be it further resolved that the charge or fee for the present season be set at \$3.00 per session (1:00 to 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.) which will include use of the building, kitchen and equipment, or \$5.00 for a double session (1:00 to 9:00 p.m.).

Carried.

By Comm. Callard—

That \$500.00 be transferred from the Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating Securities to Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

By Comm. Callard—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase: Series "G" United States Bonds for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund—\$1,000.00.

Carried.

By Comm. Callard—

That the Superintendent be asked to request the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners to make available the services of Carline Trantham and Herbert McCourt in carrying on the Safety Program for the summer playgrounds.

Carried.

By Comm. McKim—

That Superintendent Bancroft be authorized to have repairs made to the Potter Park recreation building in accordance with the offer of Schermerhorn & Foster, Inc.

Carried.

By Comm. Bailey—

That the matter of heating the new building at Oak Park be referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

Carried.

By Comm. Klock—

That the subject of Saturday baseball be referred to the Park Committee with power to act.

Carried.

By Comm. Hewes—

That the bid of Jesse Harvey for rental of the concession building at Potter Park for the sum of \$625.00 for the 1949 season, being the best and highest bid, be accepted and that the checks of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to them. Further that the unsuccessful bidders be thanked for their interest.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 22, 1949

April 22, 1949

The Board met in regular session at the Estes-Leadley Funeral Home for the purpose of attending burial services for William H. Klock, a member of the Cemetery and Park Board.

ROLL CALL

Present — Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Hughes, Gibbs, Rathbun, McKim—7.
Absent—None.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board:

That inasmuch as death has taken from us our friend and fellow Commissioner,

William Henry Klock, who had given of his time and counsel in the interests of the City of Lansing, which he loved and served so faithfully, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Cemetery and Park Board express their thanks and appreciation for the contribution, which Mr. Klock has made to this community and express their sorrow in his passing. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Cemetery and Park Board and that a copy of the resolution be presented to the immediate family.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 11, 1949

May 11, 1949.

Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Ernest D. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim.—6.
Absent—Com. Rathbun.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By Com. Hewes—

That Ernest D. Gibbs be elected President of the Board, Robert McKim be elected Vice-President and H. Lee Bancroft be appointed Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A notice of a hearing on probate of will of Cecelia M. Roach, June 22, 1949, at 216 American State Bank Building was received.

Received and placed on file.

A communication was received from the family of Com. William D. Klock expressing appreciation for sympathy and kindness shown at the time of his death.

Placed on file.

Notice was received of the official opening of the Detroit Zoological Park on May 12, 1949.

Placed on file.

A letter was received from Leo C. Whitaker, President of the Lansing Armory Board of Control, relative to the use of the plot of ground in front of the Armory and east of Elvin Court by children as a playground and suggesting that the park department mow and maintain the same.

Referred to the Committee on Parks and Superintendent of Parks with power to act.

A notice was received of the summer meeting of the Michigan Cemetery Association at Alpena on June 25th and 26th, 1949.

Placed on file.

Zig Kowalski requested permission to install a public address system at the Potter Park Pavilion for the annual reunion of Eastern High School class on June 5, 1949.

By Com. Callard—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

A letter was received from Karl Dressel inviting the Board members and park department employees to attend a meeting to be held on May 25, 1949, in the College Music Auditorium to hear an address by Mr. Newton B. Drury, Director of National Park Service, in connection with National Park and Recreation Week. Also a guided trip around the College Campus with Professor Lautner has been arranged by Mr. Bancroft.

Received and placed on file.

The City Council referred to the Board a petition signed by a large number of residents asking that the property located on Bassett Street and Glenrose Street be developed as a park and playground.

By Com. Hewes—

That the petition be received and placed on file and a letter be sent to the City Council acknowledging receipt of the petition and reporting that it would be given consideration in the next budget.

Carried.

Mr. Clark R. Ackley, Architect, presented plans for the proposed heating plant for the park service building on East Shiawassee Street.

By Com. McKim—

That Superintendent Bancroft prepare plans and specifications for the heating plant at the new park service building on East Shiawassee Street for taking bids for same.

Carried.

The Briggs Company reported on the condition of the roofs on the Potter Park Animal House, the Potter Park Bird House and the garage at Cooley Gardens together with recommendations and price of making necessary repairs.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Superintendent of Parks with power to act.

Mrs. A. M. McMaster requested permission to remove the body of Arthur McMaster from Grave 2, Lot 6, Section Q to Grave W/E 5, Lot 246, Section D $\frac{1}{2}$, in order that it may be on the family lot.

By Com. Gates—

That the request of Augusta M. McMaster for removal of the remains of her son from Grave 2, Lot 6, Section Q, Mt. Hope Cemetery, to the west end of Grave 5, Lot 246, Section D $\frac{1}{2}$, Mt. Hope Cemetery, be granted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Com. Orla H. Bailey reported on public relations during the past month during which time the newspapers had given the two departments much favorable publicity.

RECREATION REPORT

During April the winter programs in school buildings were completed with a Women's Play Night at Eastern on April 7th, 225 attending and a Girls' Play night at Walter French on April 8th, 63 attend-

ing. The programs were Women's, Girls' and Boys' Recreation Clubs and Square Dancing for adults with an average weekly attendance of 589.

The weaving, crafts, Teen-Age, Boys' and Girls' Programs at Cedar Street Recreation Center are still meeting with an average weekly attendance of 985.

April was the month for organization of Baseball, 6 adult teams; Softball, 48 adult teams; Girls' softball, possibly 7 teams with coaching being done by girls that have retired from playing. The Girls' Softball School will be held during May and June, also preliminary plans for summer playground were formulated.

Special event of the month: Lincoln Community Center Youth Conference held April 24th and 25th at Lincoln Center, attendance bi-racial 365.

The Youth Talent Exhibit in co-operation with the State Journal opened May 10th with the Park Board represented by Gordon Callard. 600 individual exhibitors entered with 2010 exhibits. Attendance for Tuesday, May 10th, was 1055.

The High Schools of Lansing are using three baseball fields for practice and games. The fields are maintained by Park Department crews and used by the schools.

The attendance at the Teen-Age Dances at Prudden Auditorium is dropping off and it is planned to stop the Saturday night dances on May 28th. It is planned for the summer to have dances on Wednesday nights as part of the Summer Playground Program with the Saturday night dances starting again in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON CALLARD,
Chairman, Recreation Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

By Commissioner Callard—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund \$1,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That \$100.00 be transferred from the Cemetery Funds (\$50.00 Evergreen Cemetery and \$50.00 Mt. Hope Cemetery) to Marjorie Blincoe salary account, to supplement the present salary account as provided in the 1949-50 budget.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That inasmuch as the bonds listed below matured May 1st, 1949, and are now a part of the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund, the Superintendent, H. Lee Bancroft and John Webb, City Treasurer, are hereby authorized and requested to turn in the bonds for collection.

M-501682-D.....	\$750.00
M-501683-D.....	750.00
M-501684-D.....	750.00
M-501685-D.....	750.00
M-501686-D.....	750.00
M-501687-D.....	750.00
M-501688-D.....	750.00
M-501689-D.....	750.00
M-501690-D.....	750.00
M-501691-D.....	750.00

Be it further resolved that \$7,500.00 being the principal sum be deposited in the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care account and that \$2,500.00 being the accrued interest, be deposited to the credit of the Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating Account.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to reinvest the principal sum of \$7,500.00 in U. S. Government "G" Bonds for the Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Account,

when collection is made and the funds available.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the Traffic Engineer be requested to recommend some method of protecting the entrance to Grand Woods Camp.

Carried.

Mr. Bancroft stated that with the approval of the Board he would like to name Carl Fenner Assistant Superintendent of Parks in addition to his present title of Assistant City Forester. He stated that Mr. Fenner is handling a great deal of the planting, gardening, spraying and personnel work for the park department and that it would seem fair to recognize this service and the many other services rendered the department, by this recognition.

By Com. Gates—

That the recommendation of Mr. Bancroft be approved.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 8, 1949

June 8, 1949

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Ernest D. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gibbs, Gates, Hewes, McKim.—7.
Absent—Com. Rathbun—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from the City Plan Commission recommending that the Park Department acquire property in the flood area as rapidly as it becomes available was referred to the Board by the City Council.

Placed on file.

Mr. Walter D. Follette, Sales Promotion Manager of the John Bean Division, asked permission to use Ranney Park for demonstrating spraying equipment on the afternoon of June 21, 1949.

By Com. Hewes—

That the request be granted under supervision of the Superintendent of Parks.

Carried.

A communication was received from Paul Automotive, Inc., relative to leasing park property on E. Michigan Avenue if it becomes available.

Referred to Superintendent Bancroft.

Vernon F. Penrose asked permission to work his ponies on a track at Potter Park.

By Com. Callard—

That the request be denied.

Carried.

A letter was received from Maurice O. Pancost asking for the use of quarters in the "Jenison House" for a Curative Workshop.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings with request to report at the next meeting.

H. B. McKale thanked the department for splendid cooperation given to the ball team in the use of Marshall Field.

Received and placed on file.

Mr. J. B. Munsel requested permission to place a popcorn stand on the grounds of the Municipal Ball Park.

By Com. McKim—

That this Board approve Mr. Bancroft's policy in regard to concessions at the ball park.

Carried.

A letter was received from Sidney A. Anger relative to condition of the westerly drive at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Referred to the Superintendent with power to act.

A communication was received from Floyd H. Baird, Secretary of Capital Lodge No. 66, F. & A.M., relative to a certain lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries.

Wilber M. Seelye, executor of the Estate of Irene B. Treleven, acknowledged receipt of claim and stated that it would be given consideration at the hearing on claims.

Received and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Public Relations, through its chairman, Com. Orla S. Bailey, reported on newspaper publicity during the month of May.

COMMITTEE ON RECREATION REPORT

May was the month of the termination of winter activities and organization of summer programs.

Activities completed in May were Girls, Boys and Teen Age programs at Cedar Street Recreation Center, also City Wide Teen Age Dances at Prudden Auditorium.

Activities at Cedar Recreation Center at present are—Weaving, Adult Crafts and Home Makers' Club Meetings, also preparation of materials for playgrounds.

Activities started in May—Adult Baseball and Softball, 55 teams and Girls Softball School, 6 teams.

Special Programs for May

May 10 thru 15—Youth Talent Show in cooperation with State Journal—600 exhibitors, attendance 17,135.

May 21—Sky King appearance at Ferris Park in cooperation with W.J.I.M., attendance 175.

May 13 and 14—All-American Girls Baseball at Ranney Park. Injured Players Benefit Fund game in cooperation with Jr. Chamber of Commerce—attendance 1,632.

May 26—Opening of 4 new tennis courts at Comstock Park.

The selection of the playground staff of 52 people (in cooperation with the Board of Education) has been completed with the 22 playgrounds scheduled to open June 27. The Moores Park staff of 4 people hired with opening scheduled for June 20. The American Legion Junior Baseball League completed with 10 teams, play to start on June 6. The balance of the Junior Baseball program to start June 20. A Bicycle Parade in cooperation with the Montgomery Ward Company will be held on June 21. On the evening of July 4th a grand fireworks display will be held in cooperation with W.J.I.M.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON CALLARD,

Chairman.

Placed on file.

By Com. Hewes—

Resolved, that this Board recommend to the City Council the purchase of Lot 12, Block D, Franklin Avenue Park Subdivision, which adjoins the Congress Street dump which is on park property, for the sum of \$125.00.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

Resolved, that this Board recommend to the City Council the purchase of Lot 93 of Brown's Subdivision of part of Lots A and B of Snyder's Subdivision, City of Lansing, for the sum of \$100.00, the property lying between two city lots in the flood zone on Mifflin Street, south of Harton Street.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

Resolved, that the offer of Gen. Leo C. Whitaker, president of the Lansing Armory Board of Control, relative to the use of a plat of ground on the south side of the Artillery property for a neighborhood children's playground for the ground maintenance be accepted subject to approval of the City Council and that the appreciation of this Board be conveyed to Gen. Whitaker.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That funds be transferred to pay car expense of Ward Cameron.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States
Bonds for Evergreen
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund...\$1,000.00

Series "G" United States
Bonds for Mt. Hope
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund... 500.00

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 13, 1949

July 13, 1949

The Board met in regular session following a dinner at Grand Woods Camp which was attended by members of the Board, their wives and heads of the several divisions of the cemetery and park department and the office employees, Mayor Crego and Mrs. Crego, and their daughter.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Gafner, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun—7.

Absent—Com. Callard—1.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. R. Foster made a proposal to install the walk and pavement at Scott Playfield for the sum of \$360.50.

By Com. McKim—

That the offer of A. R. Foster be accepted.

Carried.

A communication was received from Gilbert Parks, secretary of the Lansing Boat Club, Inc., relative to a condition existing on grounds occupied by them caused by a stream of water flowing under the highway onto the club grounds.

Referred to the Ingham County Board of Health with a request for a report to this Board.

Carried.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Twichell, Sr., offered to purchase Lot 41 of Otto's Addition for the sum of \$250.00.

By Com. Gates—

That the subject be referred to the Committee on Parks with power to act.

Carried.

The John Bean Division expressed appreciation for the privilege of using Ranney Park for their spraying demonstration.

Placed on file.

The family of John Abbott expressed appreciation for sympathy extended at the time of the death of their son.

Placed on file.

Yunker Memorials, Inc., asked permission to set a monument on Lots 49 and 32, Section F in Evergreen, on an unusual sized lot for which the owner of the lot desires a monument of irregular size.

Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries and the Superintendent to report at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

July 8, 1949.

The Park Committee of the Park Board after careful consideration of the bids submitted for furnishing and installing a heating plant at Oak Park Shop and office at 717 East Shiawassee and after the approval of R. A. Parsons, heating engineer with the Water and Light Department, and Clark Ackley, architect, of the equipment which will be furnished as provided in the plans and specifications on which the bids were made, hereby awards the contract to the "Dunn Boiler Sales and Service" of 130 Jones Street, Lansing, in the amount of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,850.00.).

Further, the Superintendent is instructed to return the Bonds of unsuccessful bidders with the thanks of the Committee for bidding.

Signed:

ROBERT A. McKIM,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
WM. T. GATES,
C. GORDON CALLARD,
Park Committee.

By Com. McKim—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

June 29, 1949.

As instructed by the Cemetery and Park Board, the Building Committee of the Board advertised for bids in the State Journal on June 15th and 18th, for the installation of a heating plant for the Oak Park Shop and Office at 717 East Shiawassee Street, according to heating plans and specifications prepared by Clark Ackley, Architect.

The following bids were received:

1. Dunn's Boiler Sales & Service, by
Henry T. Dunn, 130 Jones St. 5,850.00
2. Distel Heating Company 6,355.00
3. Lansing Heating & Vent. Co. 6,519.00
4. C. A. Brenner, Inc. 7,116.00
5. Kain Bros., Inc. 7,534.00

The bid of Dunn's Boiler Sales and Service in the amount of \$5,850.00 being the best and lowest bid and properly accompanied by Surety Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid price with the Michigan Surety Company, was referred to Roger Parsons, City Heating Engineer, for the Determination of equipment to be used and for recommendation and approval, and to Clark Ackley, Architect.

Signed:

KENNETH E. HEWES,
H. LEE BANCROFT,
SAM D. CROWNER,
Building Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Carl Fenner, City Forester, filed a report on the accident to George Abbott, which happened on June 6, 1949, which was received and placed on file.

Superintendent Bancroft acknowledged receipt of a check in the amount of \$5.28 from Alderman R. F. Wall to the Board as a refund of the entire amount of the bill from the Main Street Hardware Co. to the Park Board.

The Landel Metropolitan District's proposition relative to water was referred to the Committee on Parks with power to act.

Supt. Bancroft reported on various subjects.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase Series "G" United States Bonds for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund —\$500.00.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 10, 1949

Lansing, Michigan,

August 10, 1949

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun—7.
Absent—Com. Gafner—1.

Aldermen Foote, Hayden, Helms, Munyon, and Smith were present.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A report was received from the Eaton County Health Department approving the drinking water at Grand Woods Camp.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Dan Henry, Commander USNR, thanking the Superintendent of Parks for the cooperation rendered in erecting a platform stand at Reutter Park in connection with the showing of the Navy Mobile Exhibit on July 4, 5 and 6, 1949.

Received and placed on file.

The City Clerk reported that a claim of the Tallmadge Cleaners for \$16.50 damages to delivery truck by a limb falling on it while the Forestry Department was trimming trees had been referred to the Board by the City Council.

By Com. Callard—

That the claim be not allowed.

Carried.

A communication was received from the Michigan Bell Telephone Company requesting permission to place three light weight metal signs on the fence along the east side of the Groesbeck Golf Course adjacent to Wood Street.

By Com. Callard—

That the request be granted.
Carried.

Mr. Munsel was present and requested permission to sell popcorn and other food at the ball parks.

A communication was received from the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners relative to an easement in connection with the grading and resurfacing of Waverly Road between West Street and West Saginaw Street.

By Com. Callard—

That this Board refers and recommends to the City Council the request of the Ingham County Road Commission a 20-foot right of way described as "Commencing at a point 33 feet north of and 33 feet east of the quarter corner on the west line of Section 18, T 4 N, R 2 W, thence north a distance of 570 feet, thence east 20 feet, thence south 570 feet, thence west to the point of beginning." This project has been checked and approved by the City Engineer.

Carried.

Request for removal of the body of Robert Kamins from Grave 6, Lot 16, Section T in Mt. Hope Cemetery to Grave 8, Lot 27, Section T in Mt. Hope Cemetery signed by his parents was received.

Request for removal of the body of Christina Siegrist from Grave 8, Lot 122, Section O in Mt. Hope Cemetery, to Grave 2, Lot 429, Section C in Evergreen Cemetery was received from her sons.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Cemetery Committee recommends that the request of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Kamins for the removal of the remains of their son from Lot 16, Section T in Mt. Hope Cemetery which belongs to Mrs. Anne Baker to grave 8 of Lot 27, Section T in Mt. Hope Cemetery, which lot they have just purchased from Max Millstein, be granted.

Also the request of the family of Mrs. Christina Siegrist for the removal of her remains from grave 8 of Lot 122, Section O in Mt. Hope Cemetery to grave 2 of Lot 429, Section C in Evergreen Cemetery.

Signed:

WM. T. GATES,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Gates—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Cemetery Committee recommends that the Yunker Memorials, Inc., be granted permission to set a monument on Lots 49 & 32 of Section F, Evergreen, with a base width 82 5/8 inches in excess of standard because of irregular shape of lot.

Signed:

WM. T. GATES,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
S. DeWITT RATHBUN,
JOHN GAFNER,
Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Gates—

That the report be adopted.

Carried.

The Park Committee to whom was referred the offer of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Twitchell, feel that the offer of \$250.00 for Lot 41 of Otto's Addition is a reasonable offer and if property of equal value and more desirable for park purposes can be acquired the committee will recommend the exchange to the City Council.

Signed:

K. E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
C. G. CALLARD,
Park Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual
Care Trust Fund\$500.00

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Superintendent of Cemeteries and Parks, H. L. Bancroft, reported on various subjects of interest to the Board.

By Com. Bailey—

That the Superintendent confer with the City Engineer on the subject of sewer and water in parks.

Carried.

By Com. Gates—

That the roads in Potter Park be black topped.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent and the Recreation Director be authorized to make such arrangements as they can for selling of popcorn and other food at the ball parks for the remainder of the season.

Carried.

The President of the Board appointed as a committee to draft resolutions on the death of George Abbott, Coms. Bailey, Hewes, Callard.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

United Office Equipment Co.	22.68
Franklin DeKleine Co.	21.07
Colt's Manufacturing Co.	19.12
Boichot Concrete Products	18.75
The Melville Co.	17.50
Emery Pratt Co.	16.90
The Rikerd Lumber Co.	16.40
Industrial Laundry	12.50
Lansing Laundry Co.	10.28
England Cook Co.	9.75
Shaberg-Dietrich Hdw. Co.	9.54
John Early—Petty Cash	8.36
Whitmore Auto Electric	8.12
Acme Glass Company	7.24
Silver Lead and Paint Co.	4.44

Wibel-Dean Motors	4.00
Robinson's	3.00
Edward W. Sparrow Hospital	3.00
Douglas Trucking Lines	2.80
Railway Express Inc.	2.30
The Lansing Ice & Fuel Co.	2.00
Dean & Harris Co.	1.60
Barker-Fowler Co.	1.53
Federal Laboratories, Inc.	1.34

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Sept. 14, 1949

September 14, 1949.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun—8.
Absent—None.

By Com. Callard—

That the minutes of the meeting of August 15, 1949, be corrected by causing the resolution of Com. Callard on Page 496 to read as follows: "That the Superintendent and Director of Recreation be authorized and instructed to make such arrangements for the sale of concessions at soft ball games for the remainder of the present season, as the exigencies of the present conditions may in their discretion seem to warrant."

Carried.

The minutes as corrected were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Mayor Crego relative to the advisability of employees of

the departments subscribing to a payroll deduction of 1/10 of 1 per cent for the Community Chest.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the plan be approved and referred to the Superintendent.

Carried.

The Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc., asked permission to hold its annual Fall Puppy Match at Potter Park on Sunday, September 25, 1949.

By Com. Bailey—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

The Lansing Amateurs asked permission to use "Tee Off Hill" at Groesbeck Golf Course on the evening of October 6, 1949, for an "Open to the public" observance to the Lunar Eclipse.

By Com. Hewes—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

A communication from the Ingham County Table Top Licensees was referred to the Board by the City Council.

The communication was received, discussed, and placed on file.

The City Clerk reported that the City Council had given the County Board of Road Commissioners a right of way for use in connection with the grading and resurfacing of Waverly Road from W. St. Joseph St. to Saginaw St.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Holland Furnace Co. relative to the heating equipment in the building at the Red Cedar Golf Course.

Referred to the Building Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Cemeteries reported on an agreement with the Congregation of Shaarey Zedek relative to a section in Evergreen Cemetery.

By Com. Gates—

That the agreement be referred to the City Attorney for a written opinion.

Carried.

September 14, 1949.

The Park Committee of the Cemetery and Park Board as authorized at the July meeting of the Board, recommend that the offer of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Twichell, attached, to exchange "the west 50 feet of the east 360 feet of Lot 15, Assessor's Plat No. 18, City of Lansing," for City owned property acquired from the State Land Board described as "Lot 41 of Otto's Addition, City of Lansing," be and is hereby recommended to the City Council, as we consider the exchange equitable and the land offered more desirable for park purposes.

The assessed valuation of the lot is less than \$5,000.00 and is not presently used for municipal purposes.

Signed:

K. E. HEWES, Chairman,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. G. CALLARD,
JOHN GAFNER,

Park Committee,
Cemetery & Park Board.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be

adopted and the recommendation referred to the City Council.

Carried.

A report was filed by the Committee on Forestry conveying the appreciation of Carl Fenner, City Forester, for the opportunity of attending the National Shade Tree Conference in Baltimore and giving a report on the meeting.

Placed on file.

The Recreation Committee filed a detailed report of the summer playground activities.

Received and placed on file.

Com. Bailey gave a report for the Public Relations Committee in which he submitted the publicity which the department had received through the local papers.

Placed on file.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft requested permission for himself and Mr. Downey to attend the American Park Institute in Detroit on September 19 to 23, 1949.

By Com. Rathbun—

That permission be granted.

Carried.

Mr. H. L. Bancroft reported on a number of subjects of interest to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Callard—

That this Board commend Lena Belle Lucas for the successful playground program conducted during the past summer.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual
Care Trust Fund\$1,000.00

Series "G" United States Bonds for
Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual
Care Trust Fund\$500.00

Carried.

By Com. Bailey—

That the following letter be sent to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Abbott:

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Abbott
816 North East Street
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Abbott:

We desire to express to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your son. Words alone seem futile and cannot ease the heartache which we know you and your family must have suffered.

It takes a lot of building to make a City and into it goes the lives, love and labor of many generations of employees, that its citizens may be able to enjoy the facili-

ties which are offered for their safety, health, and recreation.

To this end, the City of Lansing, through its Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners, takes this opportunity to honor the name of George Abbott in its records and we pay tribute to his name.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF CEMETERY AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 12, 1949

The Board met in regular session at the Oak Park Building and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Rathbun—5.

Absent—Coms. Callard, McKim, Gafner—3.

There was also present for the opening of the new Oak Park Building the following named employees of the Departments:

Herbert Kipke, Recreation Director; Sam Crowner, Mildred Gleason and Marjorie Blincoe from the main office; Theorn Downer, Superintendent of the Potter Park Zoo; Wm. Atchison, Landscape Engineer; Harold Leavett, Superintendent at the cemeteries; Carl Fenner, Forester; Frank Mytten, Foreman; and Alex Chisholm, Golf Pro.; Jack Bowling.

Former Commissioner Harry Wooton, C. E. White, Architect, and Richard Foster of the contracting firm were also present.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Capitol Caravan Club asking for the use of bleachers on the night of their first boxing show at Prudden Auditorium, November 9, 1949.
By Com. Hewes—

That the request be referred to Sup't. Bancroft for cooperation with the Capitol Caravan Club.

Carried.

A letter was received from William D. Miller, president of the Kennel Club, thank-

ing the members of the Board for assistance given by them and Mr. Downey, Sup't. of the Potter Park Zoo, at the time of their Fall Puppy Match.

Received and placed on file.

To the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners and the Mayor and City Council:

Employees of the Park, Forestry and Recreation Departments wish to express our real appreciation to the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners and to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lansing for the new building at Oak Park which provides in addition to the shop, storage garage and office, a meeting room for employees and sanitary facilities which have been badly needed and are greatly appreciated.

We wish to express to you our sincere thanks.

Signed:—

Frank L. Mytton, Gordon S. King, Ellsworth L. Youngs, Floyd V. Crandall, Louis Newhouse, William Kinsey, Arnold McQueen, Jack W. Murphy, Joel R. Gilbert, W. S. McQueen, Marvin Miller, Martin DeWitt, Glen Slaughter, Morell Root, Ward D. Young, John Bowling, Ray Crego, Charles Broch, Floyd Ruegsegger, John Moore, A. L. McQueen, Lawrence Holliday, George Thompson, Frank Bowerman, Wm. Peck, George Pearson, Ralf Whitford, Theron Downey, Henry Newhouse.

C. Edward White filed a final estimate on the contract for the Oak Park Building.

Placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Forestry filed a report of damages to trees caused by drivers and

recommended that the City Attorney attempt to secure collection.

By Com. Gates—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported on various subjects of interest to the Board.

Several employes present gave reports on the activities of their departments.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Rathbun—

That golf courses be closed after October 16 1949.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That a welcome greeting be extended to Harry Wooton, former Commissioner of this Board, who is a guest at this meeting.

Carried unanimously.

* By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery
Perpetual Care Trust Fund.....\$1,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the City Engineer be requested and authorized to prepare plans and specifications, secure right of way, easement or permission, to make connection with City sewer for a drain into the park property on South Washington Avenue, and to secure bids for same.

Be It Resolved Further: That the Superintendent be authorized to enter into contract with such successful bidder, providing the bids are satisfactory and funds available.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Following the meeting refreshments were served.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Nov. 9, 1949

November 9, 1949.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Carroll J. Nelson thanked the Board for kindness and sympathy expressed at the time of Mr. Nelson's death.
Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Thomas Street P.T.A. relative to their plan for erecting a building for Boy Scout meetings to be financed by them and asking to lease a parcel of land from the Park Department.

By Com. Gafner—

That this Board approves the leasing of the land mentioned to the Thomas Street P.T.A. and that the proposal be referred to the City Council for action.
Carried.

Mrs. Ralph Broadbent asked permission to make burials on their lot in Evergreen Cemetery in a certain manner.

By Com. Gates—

That this arrangement being desirable in this instance the request be granted.
Carried.

R. A. Winston, Director of Athletics at Lansing Public Schools, asked permission to use the Groesbeck Golf Course for the 5-A League cross-country meet.

By Com. Gafner—

That the request be granted.
Carried.

Fred A. Meyer, Curator of John Ball Park Zoo, Grand Rapids, expressed appreciation for courtesies shown him during his recent visit to the Potter Park Zoo.
Placed on file.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fulton asked permission to remove the body of their infant son from Grave 6, Lot 11, Section U, to Grave 8, Lot 129, Section Z, Mount Hope Cemetery.

By Com. Gates—

That the request be granted.
Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Com. Bailey reported on considerable favorable publicity given to the department during a recent visit.
Placed on file.

Com. Callard, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, gave a report on the recreation program for the coming season.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase: Series G United States Bonds for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund—\$1000.00.
Carried.

Mr. Bancroft reported on various subjects of interest to the Board.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of Dec. 14, 1949

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Don S. Wheeler, Principal of Eastern High School, asked for the loan of ten park benches to be used at the annual senior prom.

By Com. Bailey—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

A letter was received from Chief Hugh Fisher of the Fire Department thanking the park department for assistance given at the time of the dedication of the new Central Fire Station by erecting the speakers stand and loaning material.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from the England-Cook Company asking that they be given first consideration if any changes in tenancy occurs in the properties adjoining or near their parking lot on East Michigan Avenue.

Received and placed on file.

The City Clerk reported that the City Council at a meeting held on November

21, 1949, approved the leasing of a parcel of land to the Thomas Street P.T.A. to use as a club house site for Boy Scouts.

Placed on file.

Capitol City Sporting Club asked permission to use bleachers belonging to the park department at a boxing match at Prudden Auditorium on Jan. 5, 1950.

By Com. Gafner—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

Mrs. Ora Weir thanked the Board for telegram of sympathy sent at the time of the death of her husband, Lebert H. Weir, National Recreation Director.

Placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Forestry filed a report on the 1949 spraying program at ball parks, playgrounds, picnic centers and cemeteries.

Placed on file.

The Recreation Committee filed a detailed report on the winter recreation program.

Placed on file.

Com. Bailey reported on publicity favorable to the Park Department which had been given by the State Journal.

Placed on file.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Herbert E. Kipke, Recreation Director, reported on the request of residents of the Everett School District for an ice skating area for that district.

Referred to the Superintendent.

Sup't. Bancroft reported on various subjects of interest to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Rathbun—

That inasmuch as the bonds listed below mature December 1st, 1949, and are now a part of the Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, the Superintendent, H. Lee Bancroft, and the City Treasurer, John Webb, are hereby authorized and requested to turn in the bonds for collection:

M-802121 D
M-802122 D
M-802123 D
M-802124 D
M-802125 D
M-802127 D
M-802129 D
M-802130 D
M-802131 D
M-802132 D

Be it further resolved, that \$7,500.00, being the principal sum, be deposited in the Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care account and that \$2,500.00, being the accrued interest, be deposited to the credit of the Evergreen Cemetery Operating account.

Be it further resolved that when collection is made and funds are available, \$7,500.00, being the principal sum, be re-invested in the Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Securities.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to purchase \$15,000 maturity value, Series F U.S.A. Savings Bonds, dated December 1, 1949, and maturing December 1, 1961, cost price \$11,100.00, for the Francis Park Special Fund.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund \$2,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Board approve the building plans of the Thomas Street School P.T.A., and recommend and hereby authorize the President of the Board to sign the lease, which has been approved by the City

Attorney, for and in behalf of the City of Lansing.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

The Cemetery and Park Board wish to express their appreciation to the following groups who participated in the annual Christmas Festival sponsored by our department:

First: To Miss Pauline Austin and the Elementary School Choir for their delightful Christmas carols. The choir was well trained and added a great deal to the pleasure of all who heard them.

Second: To David Machtel and the Lansing Orpheus Club who thrilled the audience with their choral numbers. Many compliments were heard in regard to the unusual training and interpretation of the program given and we add to that our compliments for the spirit which prompted them to give of their time and talent for the enjoyment of the public at the Christmas season.

Third: To Paul Eickmeyer for his help and assistance at the organ which was not only appreciated as a fine contribution musically, but was indispensable in tying the program together and in the enjoyable accompaniment for the community singing.

Fourth: For the splendid and timely remarks on the Christmas season which were delivered as only the Rev. Julius Fischbach could have given them and greatly appreciated by all.

Carried.

By Com. Gafner—

That the subject of skating rink at Everett School be referred to the Recreation Committee and the Superintendent with power to act.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That skating rinks be opened at Bancroft Park, Sycamore Park, Quentin Park, Stabler Park, Foster Avenue, Oak Park, Westside and Everett School, if possible.

Carried.

By Com. Gafner—

That Bertha Ray be made an honorary life member of the Cemetery and Park Board.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.